Dear Mrs. Luella Bates Washington Jones,

I am so very sorry ma’am. What I did that night was horrible, selfish, And I don’t blame you for kicking and dragging me because what did after that was the nicest thing anyone has ever done for me.

You made such a difference in my life. That I can never repay you, Like the advice you gave me “I have done things to witch I would not tell you son neither tell god if he didn’t already know.” You washed my face and combed my hair, feed me lima beans, ham, 10¢ cake, and cocoa even after I tried to snatch your pocketbook.

I am so very sorry that I can hardly write this letter without feeling regret, and feeling ashamed for what I did. I hope you will forgive me, although if you don’t, I won’t be surprised. You do not realize how much you really did for me. I see a whole different side of life now thanks to you. I guess what I really want to say is “I am very sorry ma’am and thank you for all you did”. I changed that night and so did you.

Sincerely and forever in your debt,

Roger